

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done. Psalm 105:1*

Summer 2010

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Puebla, Mexico! In summertime it seems that we all get so busy, and time seems to fly. We hope this letter finds you happy, well, and peaceful. It's a great time to share with you the new happenings in our lives and our mission work with Living Hope International.

This year we have been especially encouraged in our work with the youth group at Nations Church. As youth leaders for 15-18 year olds, we have experienced a "growth spurt" of sorts with the ministry we are overseeing. Beginning earlier in the year, the youth group was involved in an evangelism project called "Reaching the Unreached," featuring local outreaches, a hip-hop concert, and participation at a youth event in a neighboring state where they presented a play called "The Train of Life," which Miguel wrote.

We are currently in a season focused on spiritual fitness (prayer, Bible study, fasting) as well as physical fitness. We are challenging the youth to "get in shape" through recreational outings (jogging, hiking, etc.). On the spiritual fitness side, we have held Bible trivia contests and peer teaching sessions; we are currently reading the book of Daniel. One of the things that really bless us is building friendships with each of these young people and seeing them unite as a group and form lasting relationships with one another.

Besides being in charge of the youth group, we have recently begun to reach out to people from the church by visiting them in their homes, meeting with them or calling them. These are people who are in need of encouragement, prayer, or counseling. Both Miguel and I really love to interact with people and are honored to be serving in this way.



**The youth group on the bus**

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The summer months are especially busy for Esperanza Viva Youth Home, because there are many groups that come to visit. Miguel is one of the three drivers for the ministry's school bus, taking the visitors to the land where they are working on the construction of the Living Hope Community, the future location for the youth home. I am doing Spanish-English translation for sermons at Nations Church.

This verse from Psalms expressing thankfulness to the Lord has become a reality for our family. We have thoroughly enjoyed the adventure and blessing of parenthood. Our son Asher, who will turn 2 in October, is an active, friendly little boy who loves music, dancing, and playing with his friends. It is evident that he is the child of parents in the worship band; he always wants to play "air guitar." He has many friends at the youth home, and the teenage girls are always offering to babysit him. Annette Sofia, who is 7 months



**Annette and Asher**

old, is a very content little girl, and we love to cuddle with her and play with her.

It brings us such joy to have a beautiful family and to be able to serve the Lord together. I stay at home with the kids, and we visit the youth home during the week as our schedule permits. We are also happy to announce that we are expecting our third child in March of next year. Yet another of the wonders of the Lord!

Our family would like to thank each of you for your part in what we are doing here in Mexico. We realize the importance of your partnership and friendship in our lives and ministry. Your prayers and support are vital to us. We would love to be in touch with you regularly. We would really appreciate a picture of you to hang on our refrigerator. You may send postal mail to the address on this letterhead. If you are more inclined to online communication, you can e-mail us or contact us on Facebook or Skype.

God bless you,

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